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Community *notes*

Art Opportunities Through HCAC

Exhibit Applications

The Howard County Arts Council is currently seeking entries from visual artists working in any medium for Art Maryland 2016, an exhibit that runs from Friday, October 28 to Friday, December 9. To download an entry form, visit the [Exhibits page](#). The application deadline is Friday, September 2.

Road to the Arts

Discover and explore Howard County's local visual arts spaces during [Road to the Arts weekend](#), Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18. Participating galleries will host receptions and exhibits throughout the weekend beginning on Friday at 6:00 p.m. with the Annual Meeting and Grant Awards Ceremony at the Center for the Arts. The Road to the Arts map includes all 12 [ARTsites 2016](#) locations. Maps are available by calling 410-313-ARTS (2787).

Fall Classes

Fall is on its way, along with the Arts Council's fall arts classes. Visual arts classes begin the week of September 12 for children and adults. Offerings include Saturday Art Studio, Drawing & Composition, and Acrylic Painting. Ongoing drop-in portrait and figure model sessions are also available. Visit the [Classes and Camps](#) page for class listings and to register.

Organizational Development Grant

The Arts Council is currently accepting applications for the current cycle of its Organizational Development Grant program. Through this program, current Community Arts Development grantees may request funding for leadership and capacity building. Visit the [Grants](#) page for details and to apply. The deadline to apply to Thursday, October 13.

Greeting

Summer vacations are coming to an end, school is preparing to start and maybe we will get lucky and the weather will cool off. Enjoy the last days of fun and relaxation!

Mayday

Main Street Music Fest at New Venue

The 5th Annual [Main Street Music Fest](#) ("MSMF") is held Saturday, September 24 at 12:00 noon at 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. Merriweather Post Pavilion agreed to host after the devastating flood in Old Ellicott City



forced the relocation of the event. Merriweather is donating 100% of its event proceeds to the Ellicott City Partnership and its efforts to assist those merchants and

residents impacted by the flood. Join in the fun for a great cause, and enjoy six stages with dozens of bands, singers and songwriters, and a local beer garden. The layout of the event also features a vendor area where merchants and restaurants displaced by the flood can sell their wares.

[Tickets](#) are \$12.00 for adults and children 12 years and older. Children under 12 years old are offered free admission to the event. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Order online or in person at the 9:30 Club, Merriweather Post Pavilion, and Lincoln Theatre during normal box office hours.



Neighbor Ride Seeks Volunteers

[Neighbor Ride](#), a nonprofit transportation service dedicated to helping local seniors remain active, independent and connected to the community, offers a fun and easy way for just about anyone to be involved. Volunteer drivers give seniors rides to health care appointments, cultural and social gatherings, religious services, exercise and educational activities, shopping, and other personal needs. Flexible daytime, evening and weekend opportunities are available. No set schedule is required. Volunteers may choose to provide rides that both fit their schedules and are convenient to their homes, offices and daily routines. Volunteer orientations are held at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Neighbor Ride office (5570 Sterrett Place, Suite 102, Columbia). Offsite orientation sessions may be arranged for groups of five or more. Contact Holly Waddell or Patrice Cerwonka at 410-884-7433 or by [email](#) for more information.

Back Pack Round Up

[Healthy Families Howard County](#), a non-profit agency, is collecting back packs and school supplies for pre-school and school aged children, as well as for parents completing high school, GEDs, college or trade school. Supplies needed include crayons, paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, school boxes, etc. Families face many financial challenges. Healthy Families wants to make sure children are in good health and have the necessary tools to be successful in school. All donations can be dropped off to the Family and Children's Services building (10451 Twin Rivers Road, Suite 100, Columbia) across the courtyard from Slayton House. All donations are appreciated!

Recycling Tips and Reminders

Howard County's Bureau of Environmental Services offers the following information about recycling and trash collection.

One Day Drop-Off

On Saturday, August 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a temporary drop-off site at the Savage Volunteer Fire Company (upper event parking lot at 8521 Corridor Road, Savage). Howard County residents only. Trash is limited to household bagged material. No bulk items or construction debris, and no liquid material. Other details available on the [website](#).

Used Clothes

[Goodwill](#) collects gently used clothing and household items on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month at the Alpha Ridge Landfill (2350 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville).

Yard Trim—No Plastic Bags

Please bundle material, or use paper bags and reusable containers for yard trim collection. Residents should not use any type of plastic bag, including biodegradable plastic bags for grass, leaves, brush or branches. More details are on the [website](#).

Patapsco Valley State Park

The Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG) enlists the help of the help of hikers, bikers and walkers in its flood recovery efforts. First and foremost, the PHG reminds residents to put safety first and requests that we obey all current safety measures and restrictions around the Patapsco River. The area of the Patapsco Valley State Park from Ellicott City to Route 1 (the Avalon Area) is indefinitely closed while Department of Natural Resources crews clear debris. The PHG also warns that two significant sewer line breaks, one at Miller's Branch and one at Sucker's branch, have dumped tens of millions of gallons of sewage into the water. Areas from Route 40 east along the Patapsco are not safe for water access. For now, the Patapsco Valley State Park is requesting that park visitors visit areas further west.

If you are in open sections of the park and you see sewage leaks or other damage above Ellicott City, the PHG requests that you let them know, and report what you are seeing to the following departments:

- Culvert blocked or broken on a County road: Report to the Bureau of Highways (Howard County at 410-313-7450, Baltimore County at 410-887-2560, Anne Arundel County at 410-222-7940)
- Culvert blocked or broken near a State Highway: Report to MD State Highway Administration (Howard County at 800-545-8132, Baltimore County at 410-363-1315, Anne Arundel County at 410-766-3770)
- Dams caused by debris: Report to DEPS (Howard County via [email](#), Anne Arundel County at 410-537-3000)
- Hazardous waste spill: Report to Maryland Department of the Environment (866-633-4686)
- Sewer overflows or breakage: Report to the Bureau of Utilities (Howard County at 410-313-4900, Baltimore County at 410-887-7415, Anne Arundel County at 410-222-8400)

Watershed Outreach and Restoration Grant

Are you interested in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers? Howard County has partnered with the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) to provide grants for watershed projects in Howard County. Funded by Howard County and administered by CBT, the grants support local projects through the [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#).

CBT brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the grant process. Applicants are encouraged to contact CBT to discuss grant ideas before applying. Non-profit organizations, community associations, faith-based organizations and more are eligible.



The grant is currently open. The main contact at CBT is Abbi Huntzinger by [email](#) or by phone at 410-974-2941 x106. The application deadline is September 28, 2016.

Hexagon Comes to Howard County



The League of Women Voters of Howard County (LWVHC) presents [Hexagon](#) on Saturday, September 17 at 5:00 p.m. Hexagon is a nonprofit organization comprised of people whose purpose is to create and stage an original, political, satirical, musical comedy revue each year,

both as a source of entertainment and to raise money for local charities. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and are available through the LWVHC [website](#). The performance takes place at the Slayton House in the Wilde Lake Village Center (10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia). Seating is limited, so consider purchasing your ticket in advance if you're interested in attending. The LWVHC is available by [email](#) if you would like more information.

Summer Celebration

The [Olney Theatre Center](#) is pleased to present its Summer Celebration on Saturday, August 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road in Olney, MD. This free, all day event includes a showing of *Mary Poppins*, a reading of *Shakespeare in Love*, tap class with Bobby Smith, vocal class with Rolando Sanz, ghost stories with Weldon C. Brown, face painting, games, and more! The event culminates with two paid features: a special "Sounds of Summer" concert featuring several DC Theatre guest vocalists, and a performance of *The Mikado*. Tickets are available [online](#) for the special finale events.

Bernice Kish Gallery

From Thursday, September 8 through Saturday, October 15, allow the vision and artistry of new featured exhibits to transport you to another realm. The Bernice Kish Gallery presents "Wood and Water," by Ellen Corrdry, and mixed media by Diana Ulman titled "Evolving Art – Unconstrained." The gallery, at 10400 Cross Fox Lane in Columbia, is free and open to the public during Slayton House operating hours.

Back to School Guide

Everyone in the community can do their part to ensure a smooth the transition into the new school year. A [Guide](#) is available to help neighborhoods re-acclimate to the routine.

Traffic

"We expect all of the school zones to be busy," said Sherry Llewellyn, spokeswoman for the Howard County Police Department (HCPD). "Drivers should drive slowly and re-accustom themselves to the traffic patterns that exist during the school year," added Llewellyn.

School Buses

Not sure when to stop if there's a school bus nearby? Yellow lights mean slow down and prepare to stop. Red flashing lights and a stop sign extending from the bus means drivers in both directions are required to stop. This includes vehicles across a double yellow line, according to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Upcoming Events

Dancin' Under the People Tree

Friday, August 19, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Downtown Columbia Lakefront Stage

10221 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

Every Friday through September 9, enjoy a free [dance](#) held under the People Tree at Town Center Lakefront. When the dance session ends — the movie begins.

Lakefront Movie Night – The Incredibles

Friday, August 19, 8:30—10:30 p.m.

Downtown Columbia Lakefront Stage

10221 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

The Columbia Association welcomes you to its weekly free [movie night](#). On Friday, the whole family is welcome to enjoy Disney/Pixar's acclaimed "The Incredibles" (PG).

Rockburn Open Car Show

Saturday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Rockburn Branch Park

5400 Landing Road East
Elkridge, MD, 21075



The [Rockburn Open Car Show](#) celebrates the beauty of classic, antique, hot rods and modified cars. The show is open to the public and admission is free to visitors.

Benefit for Ellicott City Flood Victims

Monday, August 22, 6:00—9:00 p.m.

Mango Grove

8865 Stanford Boulevard, Unit 107
Columbia, MD 21045

Enjoy delicious Indian food at [Mango Grove](#), hear music by members of local band Fractal Cat, and help support the flood victims of Ellicott City. \$19.00 for an all you can eat buffet, and a portion of the proceeds go to the [ECP](#).

Columbia Association's Outdoor Walk at Long Reach

Thursday, August 25, 10:00 a.m.

Kendall Ridge Pool

8245 Tamar Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

Meet at the pool and join award-winning environmental author Ned Tillman on a [walking tour](#) of Columbia's wild side.



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